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God commanded Noah to take two of *every* kind of animal into the Ark, so he went straight through the alphabet to be sure to include them all!

With this ingenious introduction, Roger Duvoisin presents the magnificent Old Testament story of the Flood which for drama and beauty of language, remains one of the greatest stories of all times.

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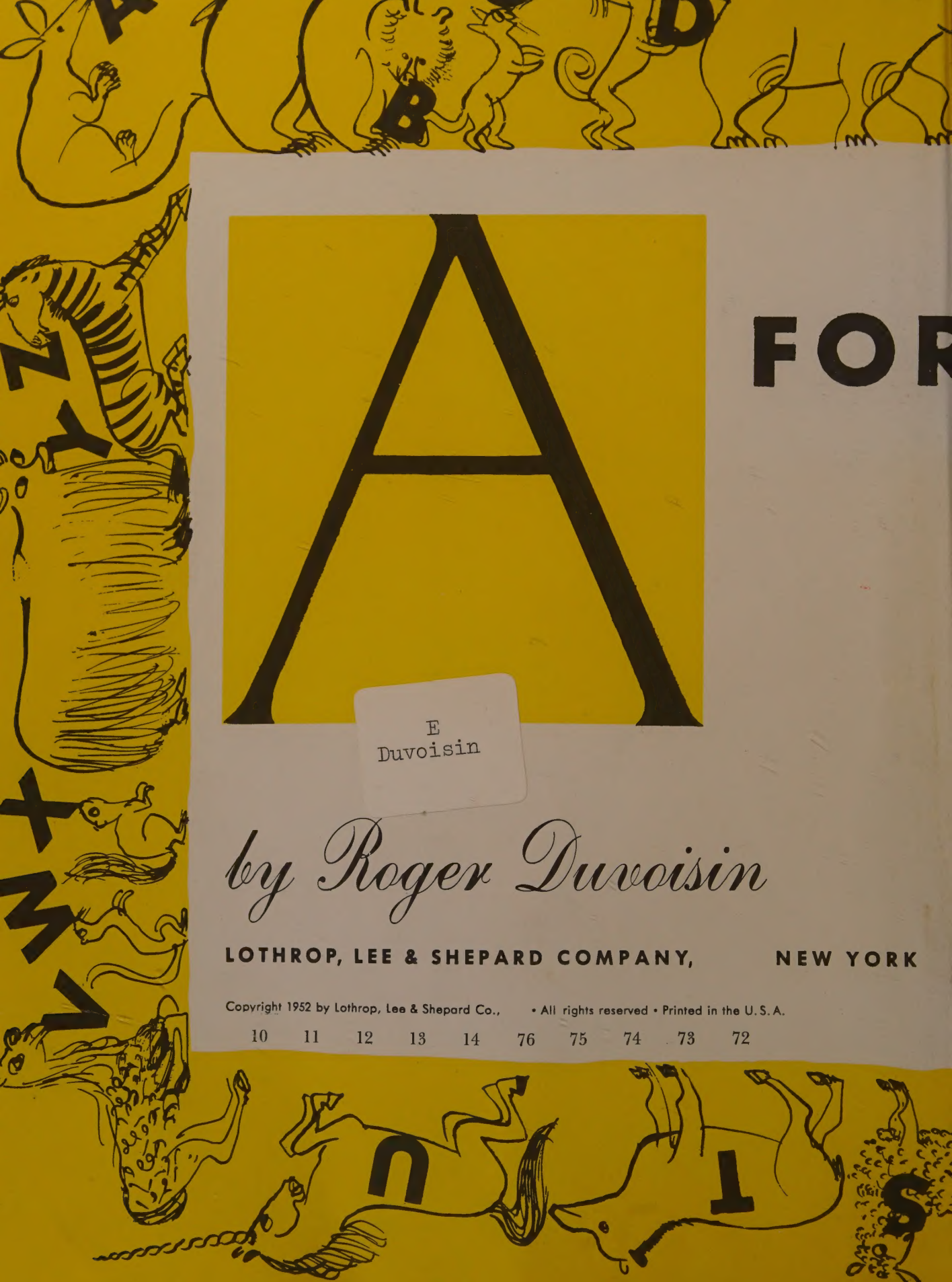

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A

The alphabet begins with an **A**
and so does the Ark that Noah built.

God had said to Noah:
"You will build an Ark three stories high.
It will have a window at the stern and a door in its side.
When it is finished you will bring into it
two of every animal that lives on the earth.
Then I will make it rain for forty days and forty nights
until the flood waters rise up as high as the highest mountains."

A is for the Ark God commanded Noah to build.
A is for the animals that Noah called to the Ark.
A is for the Antelopes who were first into the Ark
because they begin with an A.

Then Noah went straight through the alphabet,
to be sure to include all the others.

B

"**B** follows **A**" called Noah.
"**B** is for the Bears;
B is for the Beavers.
All Aboard! All the animals
who begin with a B."

'AB—Now come the **C**'s,"
called Noah.

'C for the Camels;
C for the Cows;
C for the Crows;
C for the Chickadees.
But not for you," said Noah to the
Kangaroos. "You begin with a K not
a C. Wait for your turn."

D

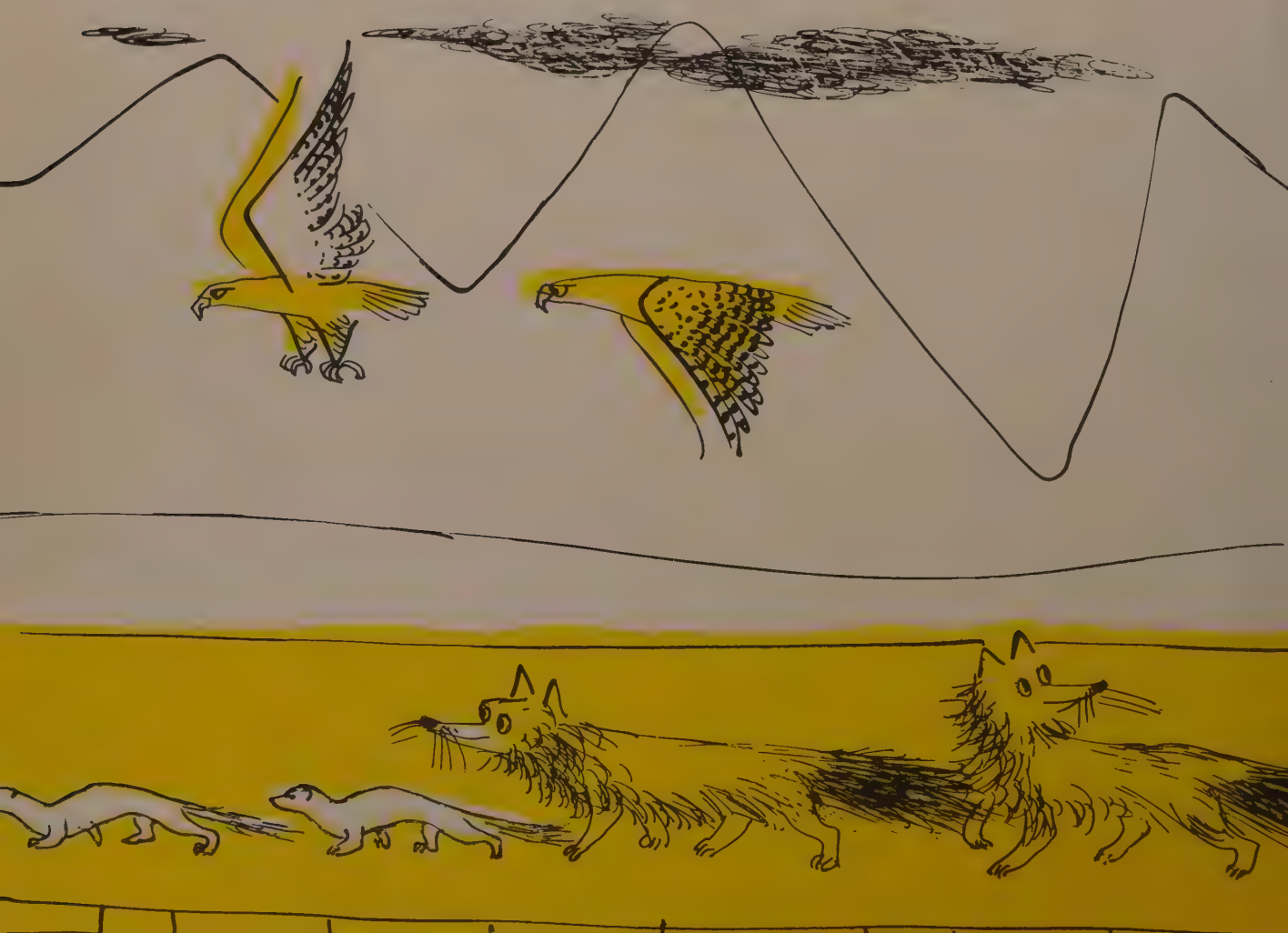
"**ABC**—Now comes the **D**,"
called Noah.
"**D** for the Donkeys;
D for the Dogs;
D for the Doves;
D for the Ducks.
Hurry all the D's. The rain
will soon fall."
But the Ducks dawdled a little.
"We like the rain!" they quacked.

"**ABCD**—Now for **E**," called Noah.
"**E** for the big Elephant;
E for the tall Elk;
E for the strong, broad Eagle.
The E's are the biggest
of their kind."

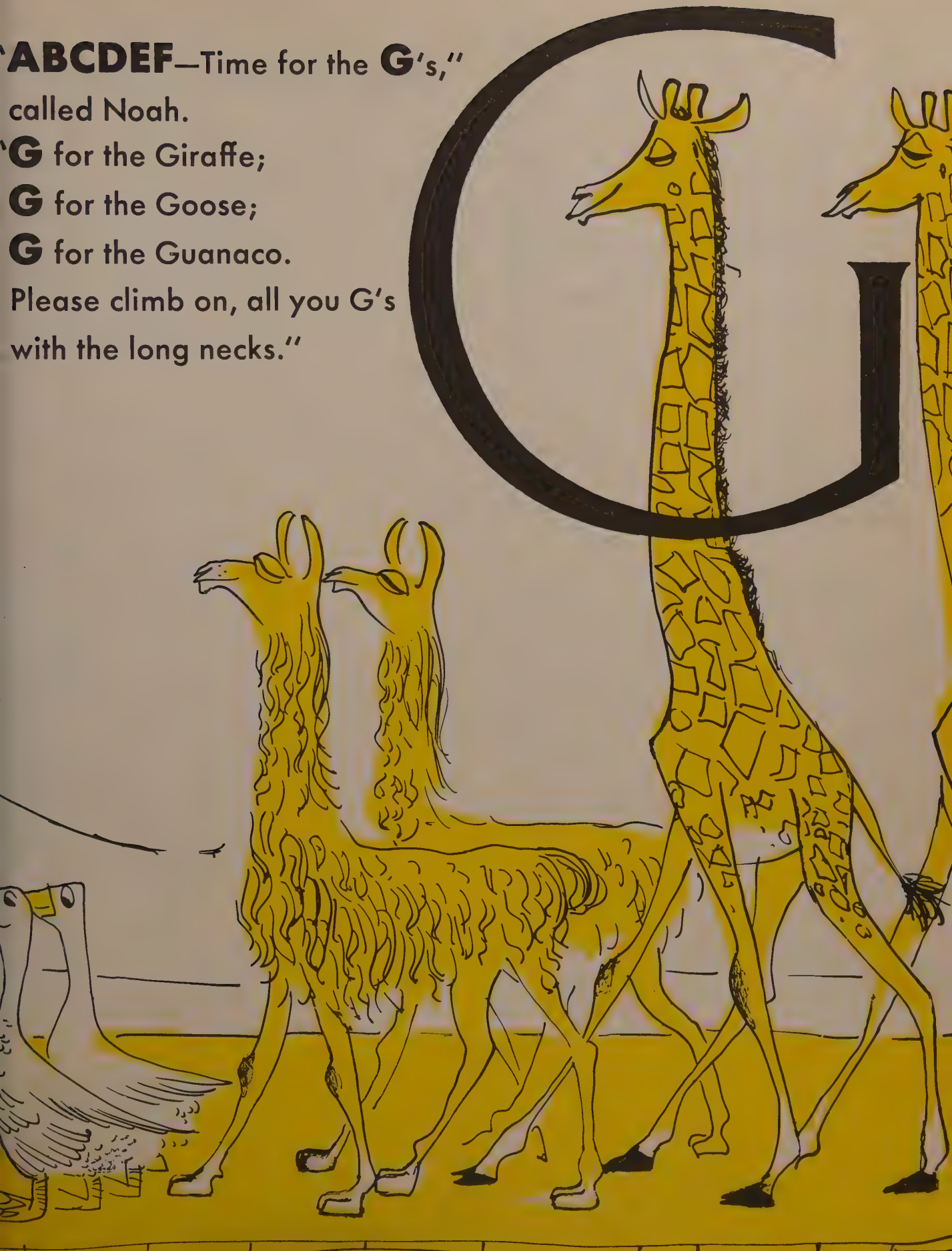
E

F

"**ABCDE**—Where are the **F**'s?"
called Noah.
"**F** for the Falcons
who hunt little birds;
F for the Foxes
who watch for rabbits;
F for the Ferrets
who stalk rats and mice.
The F's are fierce animals,
but there will be peace in my Ark."



"**ABCDEF**—Time for the **G**'s,"
called Noah.
"**G** for the Giraffe;
G for the Goose;
G for the Guanaco.
Please climb on, all you G's
with the long necks."



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"**ABCDEFG**—Now for the **H**,"
called Noah.
"**H** for the Horse,
the most beautiful of animals;
H for the Hyena, the ugliest;
H for the Hen, the busiest;
H for the Hare, the fleetest."

"**ABCDEFGH**—Ready for the **I**,"
called Noah.
"**I** for the Ibex who browse on mountain slopes;
I for the Izard who prances on mountain tops."

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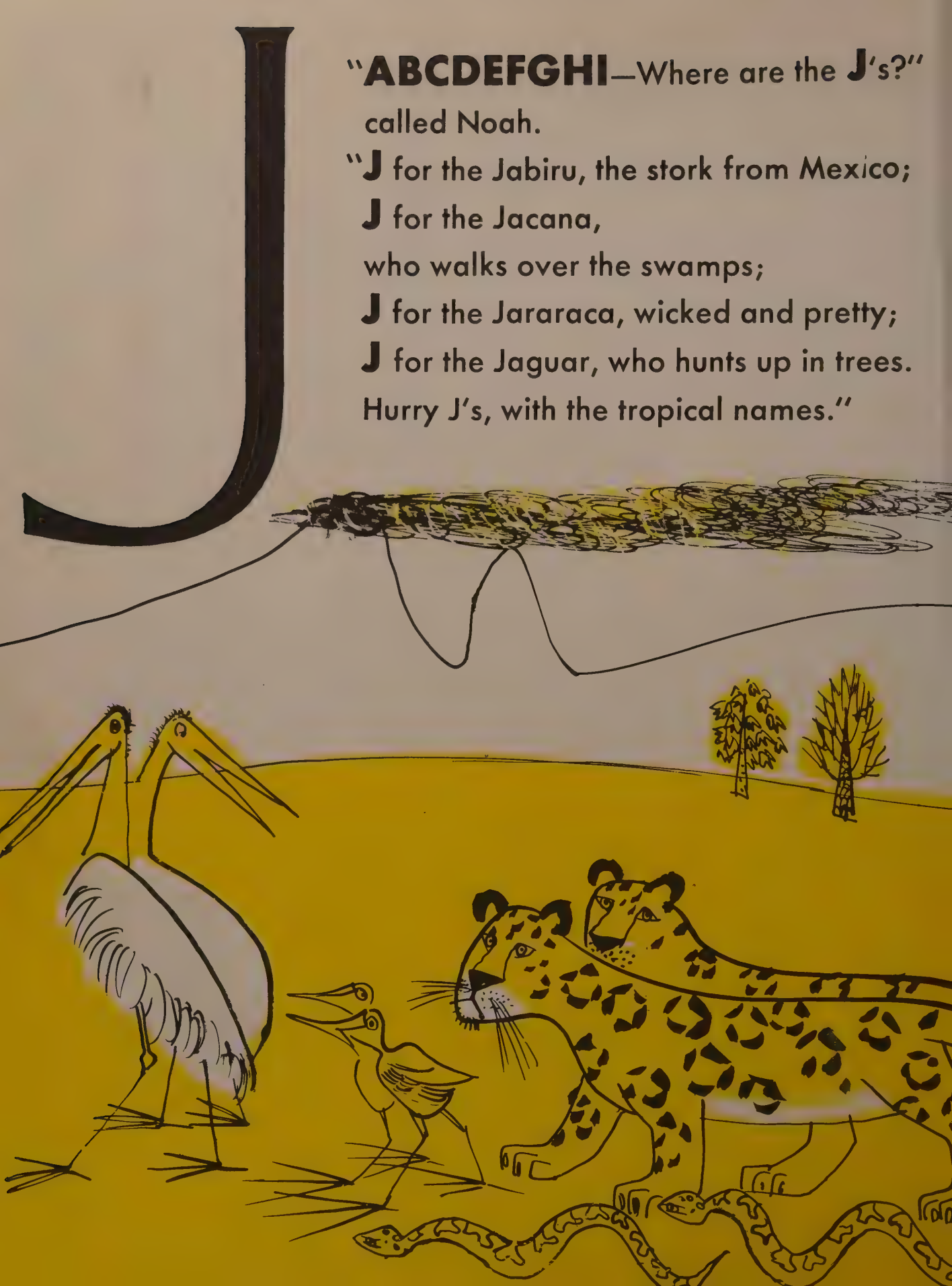
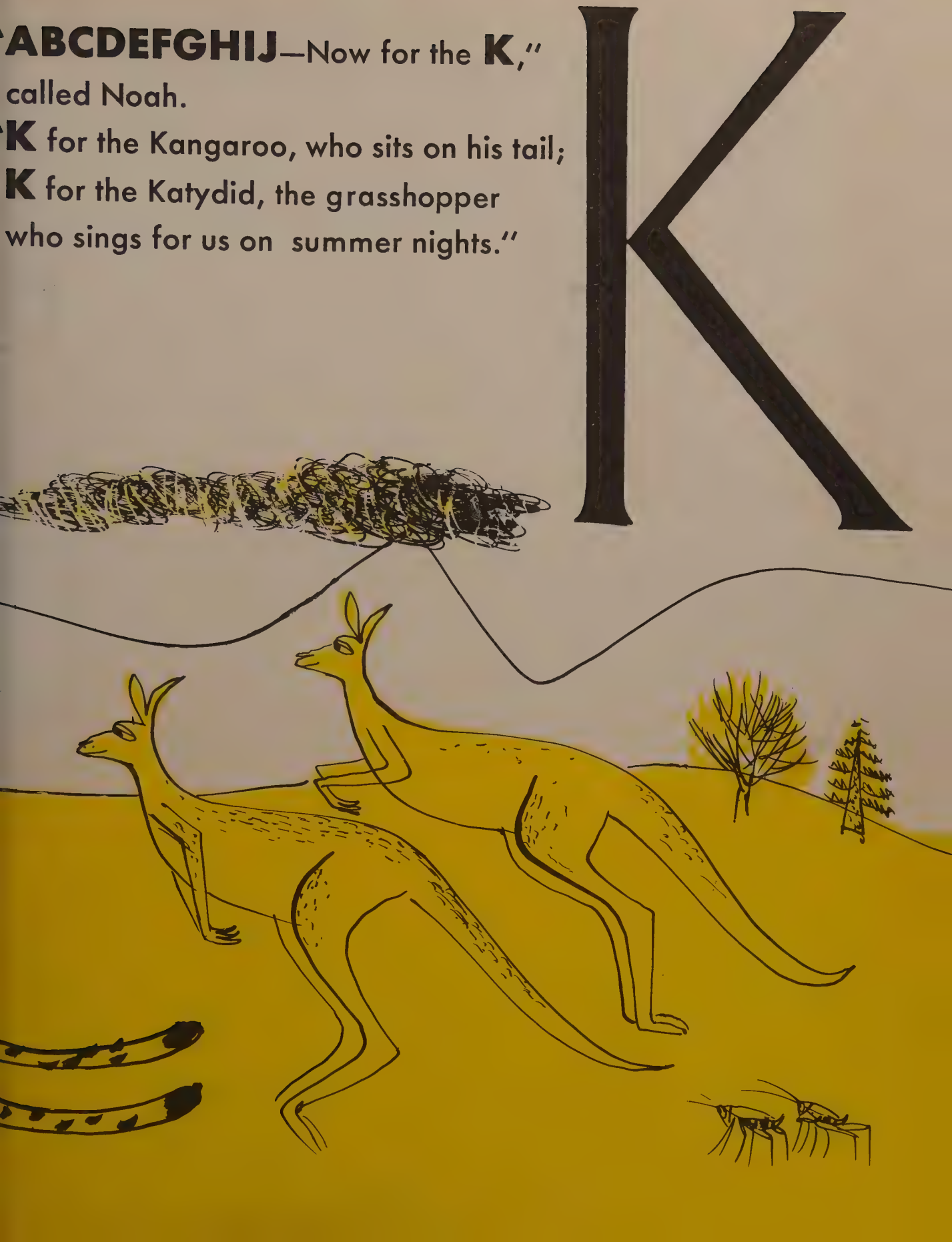


"**ABCDEFGHI**—Where are the **J**'s?"
called Noah.
"**J** for the Jabiru, the stork from Mexico;
J for the Jacana,
who walks over the swamps;
J for the Jararaca, wicked and pretty;
J for the Jaguar, who hunts up in trees.
Hurry J's, with the tropical names."

ABCDEFGHIJ—Now for the **K**,"
called Noah.
"**K** for the Kangaroo, who sits on his tail;
K for the Katydid, the grasshopper
who sings for us on summer nights."



"**ABCDEFGHIJK**—Next letter is **L**,"
called Noah.
"**L** for the Lion;
L for the Lynx;
L for the Leopard.
The L's have sharp claws and watchful eyes.
Where is your wife, Mr. Leopard?"
"She will come with the P's, Mr. Noah.
She thinks our other name,
PANTHER, sounds better."

"**ABCDEFGHIJKL**—
Come along **M**'s,"
called Noah.
"**M** for the Monkeys;
M for the Muskrats;
M for the Mice;
M for the Moles.
Please help the Moles,
Mr. Mouse.
They are blind
and can't see the Ark."

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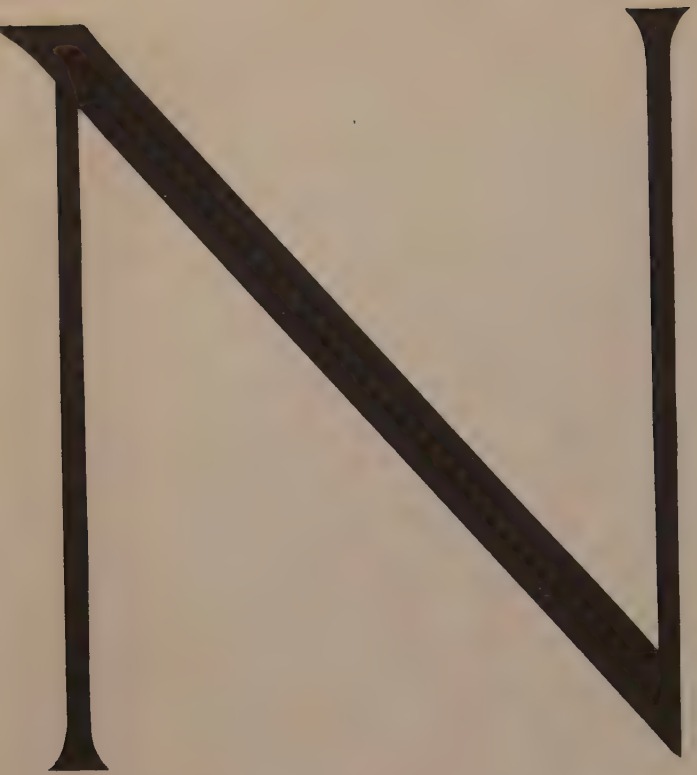


"**ABCDEFGHIJKLM**—
Where are you, **N**'s?"
called Noah.
"**N** for the Nuthatch;
N for the Nightingales.
They will sing sweetly for Noah."

'ABCDEFGHIJKLMN—

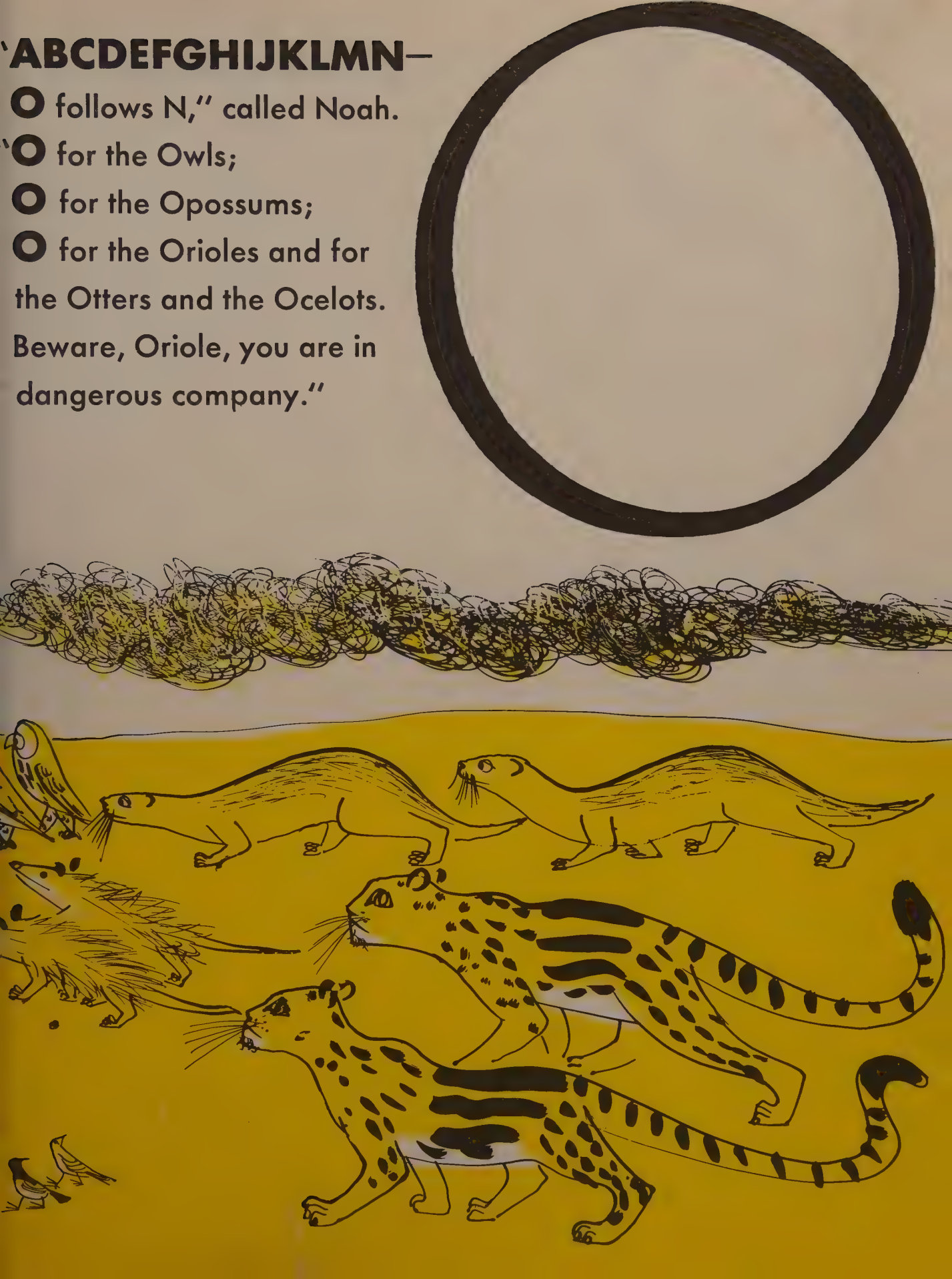
O follows N," called Noah.

'O for the Owls;

O for the Opossums;

O for the Orioles and for the Otters and the Ocelots.

Beware, Oriole, you are in dangerous company."



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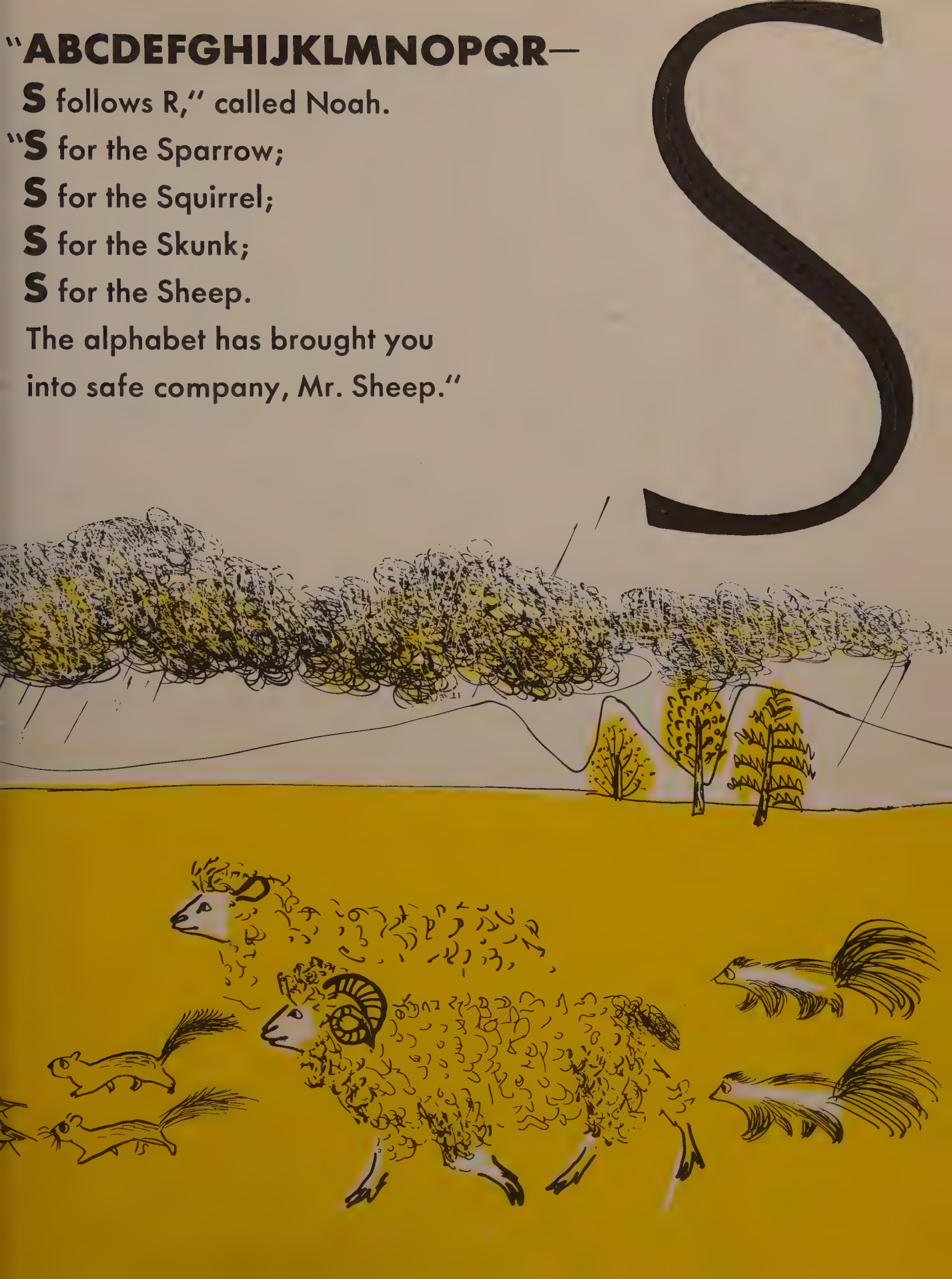
"**ABCDEFGHIJKLMNO**—
P follows O," called Noah.
"**P** is for Pig;
P is for Penguins,
P for Panthers, for Porcupines,
for Pelicans,
the birds who cannot fly;
for Panda Bears.
P for all the P's."

"ABCDEFG
HIJKLMNOP—
Where are the **Q** 's?"
called Noah.
"**Q** for the Quails
and that's all,"
said the Quails.

R

"**ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQ**—
R follows Q," called Noah.
"**R** for the Rabbits for Easter;
R for the Reindeer for Christmas.
Please come running all the other R's.
The Rain is coming too.
A drop fell on my head."

"**ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQR**—
S follows R," called Noah.
"**S** for the Sparrow;
S for the Squirrel;
S for the Skunk;
S for the Sheep.
The alphabet has brought you
into safe company, Mr. Sheep."



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"**ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOP**
QRS—**T**'s next," called Noah.
"**T** for Tigers;
T for Toads;
T for Titmice;
T for the Turkeys;
T for the Turtles.
Tiger could swallow all the T's,
but let's not worry.
Everyone will be safe on my Ark."

"ABCDEFG
HIJKLMNOPQRST—
Next comes **U**," called Noah.
"What are you doing here?"
said Noah to the Grizzly Bears.
"You belong with the B's."
"**U** for *Ursus*," said the Bears.
"We would rather go by
our Latin name, if you please."

V

"ABCDEFG
HIJKLMNOPQRSTU—
Are you ready, V's?"
called Noah.
"V for the Viper, and
V for the woolly Vicuna,
Please do not dawdle, our
Voyage must soon begin."

"**ABCDEFGHIJKL**
MNOPQRSTUV—
W's are next," called Noah.
"**W** for the Wolves, and
W for the Weasels.
Both night thieves,
but you cannot steal anyone
from my Ark."

W

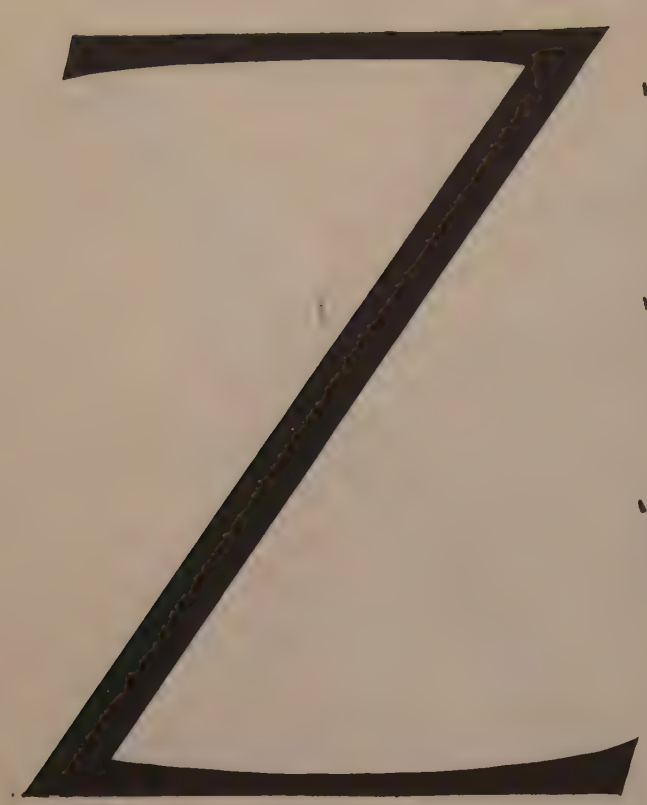
"ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOP
QRSTUVW—
Now for the X," called Noah.
"Why, I know there is an X,
I have it on the tip of my tongue.
I'll see about that later."

"**ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOP QRSTUVWX**—It's your turn, **Y**'s," called Noah.

"You are the Jaguarondis, spelled with a J," said Noah to the Jaguarondis.

"What are you doing with the **Y**'s?"

"Our name spells with a **Y** too," said the Yguarondis. "Look it up in the encyclopedia, Noah."

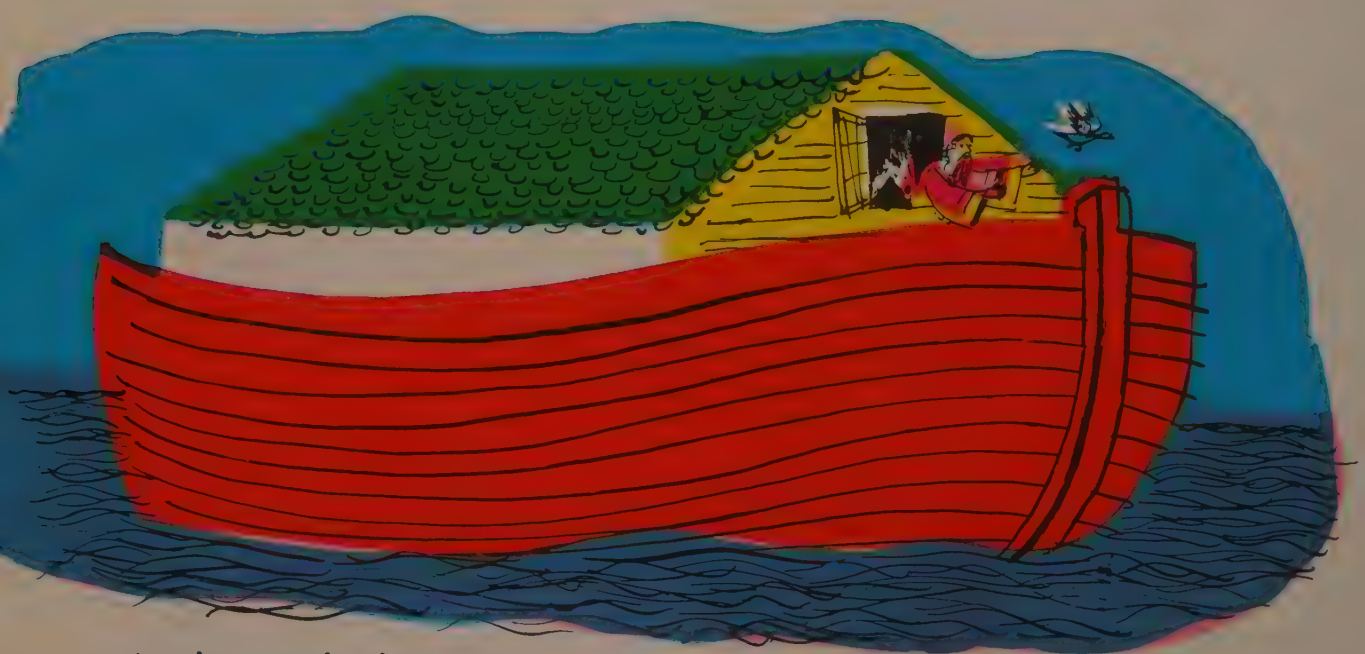


"**ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOP QRSTUVWXY**—
And now for the **Z**," called Noah. "It's time we came to the end of the alphabet." And he wiped a big raindrop from the top of his head.
"**Z** for the Zebra;
Z for the Zebu, the humped ox;
Come swiftly all the Z's
We must close up the Ark."

Noah followed the last animals into
the Ark and closed the door behind him.
"The Flood can come," said Noah. "I'm ready."
At that moment, lightning tore up the black clouds
and the rain struck the roof of the Ark
like a thousand drumsticks.
The meadows became lakes.
The valleys became rivers.

The Ark began to creak and swing.
It rose with the flood and drifted away.
It rose to the tops of the tallest trees;
It rose over the hills.
It rose over the summits of the highest mountains.
At the end of forty days and forty nights,
when the rain stopped,

there was nothing to be seen on the earth
but the lonely Ark drifting clumsily over the waves.
A strong wind now blew the black clouds away
and the sun winked on the waves of
the endless ocean.
Noah opened the window of the Ark
to smell the cool bright air and
listen to the great silence.
Then he took the Raven into his hands
and let him fly away, saying:
"Come back if you see something above the water."
But the Raven never came back.



At the end of seven days,
Noah opened the window again
and let the Dove fly out.

The Dove flew all over the earth
but when she came back to rest upon Noah's hand
she had seen nothing but the flood water.
Noah waited seven more days,
then he let the Dove fly out of his hand again.
When she came back that same evening,
she held in her bill a twig from an olive tree.
Noah knew then that the flood waters were drying up
and that soon the mountains, the hills, the trees
would all come out of the water,
and that the lakes would be meadows again.

One day, there was a thump and a creak,
and the Ark came to rest on the ground.
Noah opened the great door and said to the animals,
"Go out in the green world again. Go and raise your families
so that the earth will be again full
of flying, jumping, browsing, crawling animals, reptiles, birds
and insects."
The animals with a Z—who were the last to come in—
were now the first to go out;
and all the others went in their order
as Noah called the letters of the alphabet backward
until the last animals who begin with an A had left the Ark.

Can you tell now the names of the animals pictured with each letter in the rest of this book? If not, you will find them on the last page.

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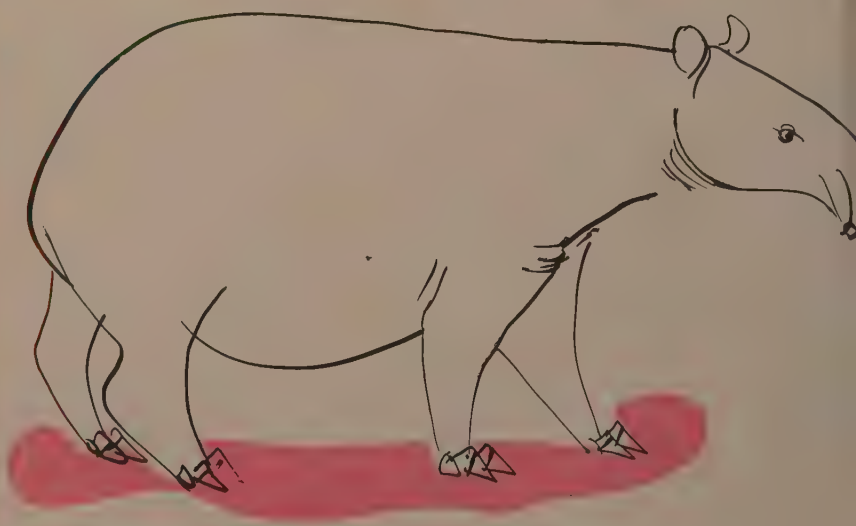

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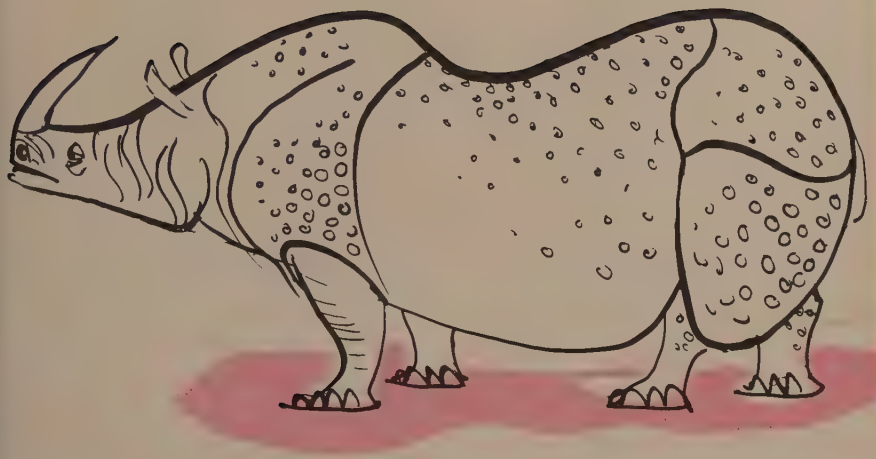

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A for Aardvark, who digs for ants in Africa.
B for Boar, the wild pig of the forest.
C for Carabao, who loves mud baths.
D for Dromedary. One hump only, please.
E for Eyra, the wildest wildcat in the jungle.
F for Fennec, who hunts in the African deserts.
G for Gazelle, the gentle friend of the Arab.
H for Hippopotamus—what splashes he makes in the zoo!
I for Iguana, the giant lizard from South America.
J for Jackal, who hides all day and hunts at night.
K for Koala, who carries his baby pick-a-back.
L for Llama, the camel from Peru.
M for Moose, big and lonely in the cold forest.
N for the Newt, who grows a new tail when he loses one.
O for Oryx, the African antelope.
P for Platypus, the mammal who is a reptile who is a bird but who isn't.
Q for Quetzal, the proudest bird in Mexico.
R for Rhinoceros, with a hide like a knight's armor.
S for Sloth, the laziest of all lazy animals.
T for Tapir, hidden away in the dark jungle.
U for Unicorn who has never been heard of except in tales.
V for Vulture. Beautiful when he flies; ugly when he walks.
W for Wolverine, the fiercest animal of the North.
X for Xerus, what a name just for a squirrel!
Y for Yak, the ox of the mountains.
Z for Zick-zack who picks bugs out of the crocodile's mouth.

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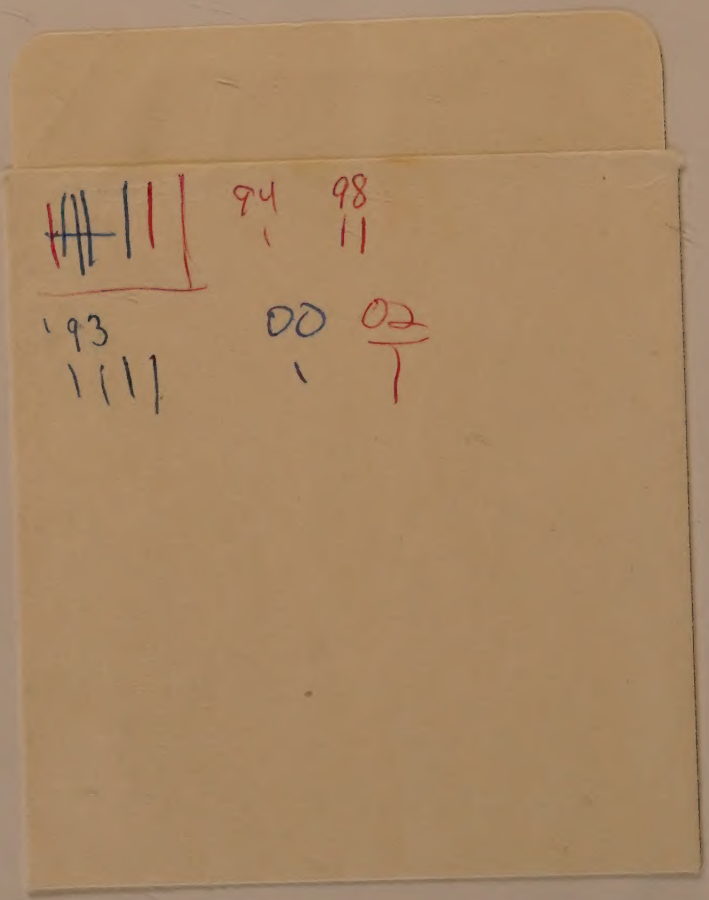

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